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**RE: PQ 21167/24**

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

Please find Bord Iascaigh Mhara's response to your question below:

#### Question

To ask the Minister for Agriculture; Food and the Marine the awards made both with and without a tender process to management consultancy firms (details supplied) by his Department and bodies under the aegis of his Department for each of the years 2019 to 2024, in tabular form and classed by firm; the purpose and a brief description of the awards; the value of the awards and the total amounts paid; the timeline or timeframe of the contracts; and the desired or completed output.

#### Response

Please see below table outlining BIM's response to above.

<b>Supplier</b>	Indecon International Economic Consultants
<b>Year</b>	2021
<b>Purpose/Description</b>	A Labour Force Analysis of the Irish Fishing Fleet
<b>Value of Awards</b>	€83,453 ex.vat (€102,645.96 incl. vat @23%)
<b>Total Paid</b>	€102,645.96
<b>Timeframe</b>	18 months
<b>Completed Output</b>	A report detailing the labour market on-board Irish fishing vessels. Employment profiles were defined in the fishing sector detailing how crew were remunerated, whether as share fishers or through the PAYE system. Strengths and weaknesses of these profiles were explored and challenges to recruitment in the sector were described. Employment in the fishing sector was viewed in the context of the wider labour market in the Irish economy and finally a roadmap to improving the attractiveness of the the sector was detailed.

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